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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 27, 2022

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1458** – Homestead Fuel Cell 1, LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a grid-side 8.4-megawatt fuel cell facility located at 441 Homestead Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's existing Northwest Hartford Substation. **Development and Management Plan.**

Dear Attorney McDermott:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than August 9, 2022.

Please submit an original and 15 copies to the Council's office and an electronic copy to siting.council@ct.gov. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan and in accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Council requests all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Please be advised that the original and 15 copies are required to be submitted to the Council's office on or before the August 9, 2022 deadline.

Copies of your responses shall be provided to all parties and intervenors listed in the service list, which can be found on the Council's website under the "Pending Matters" link.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

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Petition No. 1458 Homestead Fuel Cell 1, LLC D&M Plan Interrogatories

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- 1. Condition No. 1(a) of the Connecticut Siting Council's (Council) December 20, 2021 Declaratory Ruling requires that the D&M plan include "A final site plan including, but not limited to, ... site drainage." Please provide site plans that show site drainage in accordance with Condition No. 1(a).
- 2. Condition 1 (b) of the Council's Declaratory Ruling requires that the D&M Plan include "Construction site plans that include, but are not limited to, site preparation, grading, construction laydown areas, and erosion and sedimentation controls." Please provide the required information in accordance with Condition No. 1 (b).
- 3. Conditions 1(c) and 1(d) of the Council's Declaratory Ruling requires that the D&M Plan include "a Site maintenance/groundskeeping plan" and Contact information for the construction contractor. Please provide the required documentation/information in accordance with Conditions No. 1(c) and 1(d).
- 4. Please provide the contact information for the spill response contractor in accordance with Condition No. 1(f).
- 5. Condition 1(g) of the Council's Declaratory Ruling requires that the D&M Plan include documentation that all facility perimeter fencing, including the decorative fence proposed for the east side of the site, comply with the requirements of the National Electric Code (NEC). Please provide the required documentation in accordance with condition No. 1(g).
- 6. Referencing the second paragraph of section 3.1 on page 2 of the D&M plan, identify the intended security zone within the Site Plan. What type of fence is being proposed for the intended security zone? Provide fence detail. What anti-climb features would be implemented?
- 7. What type of fence is being proposed for the perimeter area? Provide fence detail. What anti-climb features would be implemented?
- 8. Has HFC1 consulted with the City of Hartford regarding the decorative fence on the east side of the facility? If so, please provide detail.
- 9. Please identify the 30-foot by 250-foot landscape frontage/greenspace within the site plans. Provide a greenspace plan.
- 10. The first paragraph of section 3.1 page 2 references H-piles as part of the foundation for the concrete pad supporting the fuel cells. What is the depth of the piles to be driven and how does this impact the Remedial Action Plan?

- 11. The location and quantity of rolling gates for the proposed facility shown in sheet C002 of appendix D differ from those shown in Figure 2 and are inconsistent with the proposed greenspace/landscape frontage. Please clarify and provide revised site plans that are consistent throughout the D&M Plan.
- 12. The second paragraph of section 1.1 indicates a total disturbance of 78,605 sq ft (1.8 acres). Has HFC submitted an application for a DEEP stormwater permit? If so, what is the status of the application?
- 13. Page 3, Section 3.3 of the D&M Plan indicates that construction would start at 6:00 am. Would HFC be amenable to starting construction at 7:00 am on weekdays and 9:00 am on weekends as indicated in the Petition?
- 14. Approximately when does HFC1 plan to commence construction? Approximately when would construction be completed?
- 15. What is the estimated cost of the facility?